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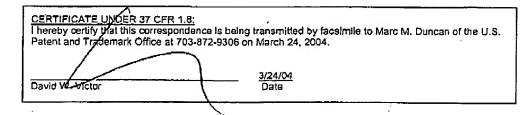
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TITLE:

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR DIAGNOSING A COMPUTER

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Dear Sir:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 4, 6, 11, and 16 and added claims 21-30. Applicants request examination on the merits of pending claims 2, 3, 5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-30.